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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN PRESS INTERPRETATION OF GENEVA DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA NOV 7 CARRIED TWO ARTICLES ON GENEVA DEVELOPMENTS BY JUSTIN NYOKA, A RHODESIAN, SALIS-BURY-BASED FREELANCE REPORTER CURRENTLY ACTING AS A STRINGER FOR TIMES OF ZAMBIA IN GENEVA.

2. IN FRONT-PAGE PIECE ENTITLED "ZIPA LEADERS DASH TO WAR FRONT" NYOKA COVERED CONFERENCE DIFFICULTIES OVER SETTING DATE FOR RHODESIA INDEPENDENCE. HE NOTED THE ZANU SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FIVE ZANU OFFICIALS, INCLUDING JOSIAH TONGOGARA, HAD LEFT GENEVA FOR MOZAMBIQUE TO BRIEF NATIONALIST ARMY COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD ON THE TALKS. NYOKA ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD DISILLUSIONMENT WITHIN ZANU RANKS WITH PROGRESS OF THE TALKS AND SPECULATION IN GENEVA THAT DEPARTING DELEGATION REPRESENTED THE DISPATCH OF ABLE LEADERS TO SPEARHEAD THE NATIONALISTS OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE SMITH REGIME.

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EM IN ANOTHER ARTICLE NYOKA ARGUED THAT THREE PRONGED EFFORT BY SMITH TO WRECK GENEVA TALKS HAD FAILED BECAUSE NATIONALISTS FAILED TO RISE TO THE BAIT. NYOKA WROTE THAT SMITH PURSUED A POLICY OF DELIBERATELY INSULTING THE NATIONALIST LEADERS, ESPECIALLY ROBERT MUGABE, IN GENEVA HOPING TO IRRITATE THEM ENOUGH TO FORCE THEIR WALK-OUT. WHEN THIS FAILED, SMITH LEFT FOR RHODESIA AND LEFT PIETER KENYON FELMING, A DETESTED RACIST FIGURE, IN CHARGE OF THE RHODESIAN DELEGATION HOPING THIS WOULD PROVOKE THE NATIONALISTS. LASTLY, WHEN THE FIRST TWO EFFORTS FAILED, NYOKA MAINTAINS THAT SMITH UNLEASHED THE ATTACKS ON MOZAMBIQUE IN ORDER TO FORCE A ZANU WALK-OUT. NYOKA ADDS THAT, WHILE TENSIONS WITHIN THE ZANU/ZIPA DELEGATION ROSE IN THE WAKE OF THE ATTACKS, THE NATIONALISTS HELD FIRM AND DID NOT WALK OUT, NOR DISSOLVE THEIR PARTRIOTIC FRONT. NYOKA CONLUDED THAT NATIONALISTS, BECAUSE THEY ARE AWARE OF HOW TRICKY SMITH IS IN NEGOTIATION, DIDI NOT FALL INTO HIS TRAP.

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